



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Minutes

Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD

Call to Order:	Kieran McHargue, Chair				Minutes: Will Walker	
Date/ Time:	April 21, 2015; 7:00 PM ET					
Attendees:	X	Adjogah, Mensah		Lynch, Maisie		Saah, Oriole
	X	Bonilla, Luis	X	Mansori, Hasan	X	Shoenberg, Robert
	X	Corbett, Sean		McHargue, Kieran (Chair)	X	St. Gerard, Henriot
	X	Intoccia, Gregory	X	Newman, Rick	X	Walker, Will (Secretary)
	X	Lahr, Patrick (Vice Chair)	X	Owusukoko, Kimberly		
Staff:	Ana Lopez van Balen, Mid-County Regional Service Center					
Guests:	Lily Qi & Alex Cook, County Executive Economic Development Initiative					

Call to Order and Introductory Remarks: 7:00PM by Pat Lahr, Vice Chair

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes

Motion to accept agenda by Bob Shoenberg and seconded by Mensah Adjogah. Motion to accept meeting minutes from March 17th and accepted by Will Walker and seconded by Sean Corbett.

Community Concerns: N/A

Old Business: N/A

Guest Speaker: Lily Qi and Alex Cook (TIP Strategies – Austin, TX), County Executive Economic Development Initiative

- Lily and Alex are developing a comprehensive plan to position Montgomery County to attract businesses focused on the three areas below:
 - People - Business
 - Place - Workforce
 - Institution - Community
- This plan is to look for new ways to maintain a strong economy outside of the federal space. Although Montgomery County has a strong R&D business community, its solely based on initial research.
- TIP Strategies selected based on a request for proposal by Montgomery County. County requested exemption to find an appropriate team outside of the county to find the best qualified company. TIP has been working for three months and advises the county on how to help county grow.
 - Mid County lacks space, and appeal. It has many small businesses.
 - Feedback from MCCAB members on how the county can grow hit on the following points:
 - Appearance of buildings
 - Transportation: traffic and timing of metro trains (having to wait for a train to come out to Glenmont)



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Council Report-

- Tiffany Ward from Councilmember Elrich's office
 - Discussed the timeline for construction and delivery of Wheaton Library and Recreational Center--vote took place to approve Library and Rec Center.
 - Council Berliner introduced bill to outlaw spotting for towing.
 - County Executive recommend budget for MCPS and is rolling over 35 million in savings.
 - Childcare bill to go back to council on April 27, 2015 at 9:30AM and Council Members Navarro and Riemer have bills to be reviewed at this time.

Director Report

- Aspen Hill Minor Master Plan was approved by council. The BAE Site can be a CRT, meaning it would allow a grocery store without a pharmacy.
- Wheaton Library and Rec approved and new budget is 76 Million.
- Wheaton art and entertainment cultural grants received a number of applications.
 - Matthew Mazzotta coming to Wheaton to do a pop up living room on May 6, 2015
 - Olney theater getting producing the world premiere of a new musical by a Tony award winner.

Committee Reports

- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation (LUZT): FY16 Operating Budget letter was presented and discussed. Edits were made after which a motion was made to accept the letter as edited. Bob made the motion which was seconded by Henriot with final approval at the discretion of the MCCAB chair. Unanimous vote .
- Quality of Life (QoL)- none.

Liaison Reports

- Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee: New member needed.
- Olney Town Center Advisory Committee, Rick Newman: Constituent meetings continue for what they want in the town center.
- Pepco Community Group, Rick Newman: No meeting.
- Wheaton Library & Recreation Center, Robert Shoenberg: Getting thru the budget approvals
- Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee, Henriot St. Gerard:
 - Wheaton Walking tour is tentative for June 27
 - Vice Chair resigned
 - Matthew Mazzato artist coming

New Business

- N/A

Motion to end meeting by Sean Corbett and second by Hasan Mansori.